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Around D-M

Medication list

The 355th Medical Group formulary is now available through their Web site at http://www.dm.af.mil/hospital/TableMain.htm. The formulary lists the medications available at the satellite and hospital pharmacies. Call Maj. Karl Ott, 355th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy element chief, at 8-2851 for more information.

Turkey shoot

The 355th Operations Group quarterly Turkey Shoot was held June 12 through 14. The 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron won the Top EC-130 Maintenance Crew, Top Compass Call Operations Crew and Top Compass Call Squadron competition. The 41st Electronic Combat Squadron won the Top EC-130 Flight Crew competition and the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron won the Top Airborne Battlefield Command and Control Center competition.

The first place winners of the A-10 competitions were: Capt. Michael Drowley, 1st Lt. Daniel Fischer, Lt. Col. David Votipka and Capt. Thomas Fennell. The A-10 Top Gun award went to Capt. Gregory Tolmoff and the Top Squadron in MX award went to the 358th Fighter Squadron while the Top Overall Squadron was the 354th Fighter Squadron.

Days since last D-M DUI:

12



Need a ride? Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 850-2233.

(Current as of Thursday)



Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillingane:

RED HORSE engineers at work

Staff Sgt. Rick Williams, Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron engineer, runs power cables underground. The RED HORSE Squadron, from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., arrived at Davis-Monthan AFB May 7, continuing a project to place all overhead powerlines underground. The current project, which started near the corner of Craycroft Road and Ironwood Street, and will terminate near the corner of Craycroft Road and Nuggat Street, is expected to be completed by Aug. 11. The project is for safety and beautification of the base.

D-M to host A and A Days

By Karen Halstead Staff Writer

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base will become the premier destination for thousands of people as it hosts the Air Force Thunderbirds, other military and civilian aerial performers, displays and demonstrations at the Aerospace and Arizona Days 2000 Airshow Nov 4 and 5.

"We take immense pride in our country," said Maj. Donald Parkhurst, D-M's airshow director. "This open house is an opportunity to demonstrate to the community our talents and abilities as the greatest armed force in the world. D-M's last airshow in 1998 was touted by Arizona's governor as the largest two-day event in southern

Arizona. This year's event promises to be even bigger."

"Airshows provide great family entertainment," Parkhurst said. "In order to enhance the quality of the show, we hired professional airshow narrators, Sandy Sanders and Hal Biestek. We are also in the process of hiring a major event concessionaire.

"Poor narration can reduce the overall quality of a big event like our airshow. Sandy and Hal are world-renowned for their style and expertise," Parkhurst said. "By bringing in an experienced, major concessionaire, we tap their exposure and resources to provide the best experience possible for our guests."

According to Parkhurst, the concessionaire will handle all food, non-

alcoholic beverage sales and souvenirs. They will come equipped with booths, food and beverage inventory, and a small staff to oversee their portion of the operation.

Organizations desiring to participate in the airshow should contact the director.

The list of teams and air demonstrations for this event continues to grow, according to Parkhurst. To date, the Thunderbirds F-16 demonstration team and several military flying acts have been confirmed.

Among the civilian flying acts and civilian acrobatic performers confirmed are Dave Eastman in a Pitts Special, Greg Poe with the Edge 540, Julie Clark in the T-34, Bill Reesman in a MiG 17, spon-

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Commander's Corner

Commander's Salute

This week, I salute the staff at the new U.S. Post Office, for moving into the new facility with no disruption in service for their Davis-Monthan Air Force Base customers. Well done!



Col. Bobby Wilkes 355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

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Accounting and Finance	8-4964
Chaplain	8-5411
Civil Engineering	8-3401
Clinic	8-2930
Commissary	8-3116
Family Support	8-5690
Fitness Center	8-4556
Housing Office	8-3687
Inspector General	8-5633
Legal	8-5242
Lodging	8-4845
Military/Civilian	
Equal Opportunity Office	8-5509
Military Personnel	8-5689
Public Affairs	8-3204
Security Forces	8-6178
Services	8-5596
Transportation	8-3584

Baker 29 gate

Comment: A couple years ago the Baker 29 gate (Site 5) was open at certain hours to limit traffic going through Wilmot Road and Craycroft Road gates.

Is there a possibility that we can get it reopened for a couple hours for each shift?

Response: Thank you for your inquiry concerning installation access. Currently, there are no plans to open another installation entry point. While there are some gates that provide external access to Valencia Road, the lighting, facilities and safety devices are not adequate for mass use and funding is not available for new military construction.

Additionally, current manning prevents operation of a third convenience gate would cost the Air Force approximately \$65,000 each year.

A recent engineering study showed traffic at all three installation gates to be within safety and capacity guidelines.

I am, however, aware of the congestion at the Wilmot Road gate in the morning and our civil engineers are working hard to alleviate the traffic problem. A project is currently under design to add a second inbound lane at the Wilmot Road gate. We have also requested the City of Tucson address traffic issues related to the intersection just north of the gate. All vehicle operators are encouraged to allow sufficient commute time during high traffic periods.

Your final answer?

Why did you join the military? Why did you re-enlist or stay in?



Staff Sgt. Robert Meindl **355th Security Forces Squadron**

"I joined the Air Force so I could take care of my family. I needed a steady job.

"I reenlisted so I could complete my education and provide continuity for my family while at the same time I could also continue to learn employable skills."



Capt.
Tom Tibbetts
612th Air Operations
Group

"I joined the military because of the good educational opportunities.

"The extra years I committed after I graduated weren't a concern because I liked what I was doing. The education program the military offers is a good opportunity."



Ret. Army Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Modene

"I enlisted in 1957 to avoid being drafted. I didn't think I would stay as long as I did, but 21 years later I retired.

"I reenlisted because I enjoyed the job security, commitments to my family and I had a good career field."



Airman 1st Class Bradley Robison 355th Civil Engineer Squadron

"I joined the Air Force so I could learn a trade, further my education, and see the world.

"I'm reenlisting because the military provides stability for my family and I still want to do some traveling."



Master Sgt.
Luis Rivera
355th Transportation
Squadron

"Actually, I wanted to go to school when I enlisted and the Air Force gave me that opportunity.

"The Air Force changed my life and I liked what I was doing so I reenlisted."



Tech. Sgt.
Joe Higginbothan
355th Transportation
Squadron

"I enlisted in the Air Force because I wanted to further myself both professionally and educationally.

"I felt the Air Force had been good to me during my first four years and wanted to continue my military career."



Senior Airman Amie Gannon

Flightline ministry

(Left to right) Chaplain (Capt.) James Tims provides Airman 1st Class Brandon Grose and Senior Airman Kenneth Finney, both members of the 354th Fighter Squadron, with drinks to help keep them hydrated during the 101-degree weather as part of the flightline chaplain's program. The flightline chaplain program started in the fall of 1999 after Tims returned from a deployment to Southwest Asia. The chaplains on the flightline have a major responsibility of a counseling and visitation ministry. This ministry was highlighted by the 12th Air Force Combat Touch program. Starting this month, Chaplain (Capt.) Cregg Chandler will dedicate half of his time working out of the flightline chaplain office. Call the base chapel at 8-5411 for more information about flightline chaplains or other religious sevices.

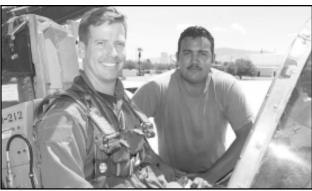
Airshow

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sored by Red Bull Energy Drink, Dan Buchanan in a Glider, Frank Borman in the P-63 and P-51 and Steve Appleton in a Hawker Hunter. Pilots of several other aircraft, including the A-10, AV-8, F-14, F-15, F-18 and the Apache helicopter, will provide flying demonstrations. Among the aircraft providing flybys are the A-10, B-1, B-2, EC-130, KC-135, a German F-4 and the F-16.

Parkhurst is hopeful the Wings of Blue Parachute Team from the Air Force Academy will become a part of the airshow lineup. Other activities will include tours of the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, ground demonstrations and a special display at Pima Air and Space Museum.

To help better manage the expected increase in traffic, security forces will alter traffic patterns around the base during the airshow. Drivers en-



Senior Airman Amie Gannoi

(Left to right) Maj. Donald Parkhurst, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's airshow director, is assisted by Airman 1st Class Rico Skog, 357th Fighter Squadron crew chief, as he prepares for a training flight.

tering the Swan Road and Craycroft Road gates will be directed to airshow parking areas only. D-M members wishing to conduct other business must use the Wilmot Road Gate.

According to Capt. Tom Wilcox, 355th Secu-

rity Forces Squadron operations officer, plans have been made to publish maps in upcoming editions of the *Desert Airman* to better inform the base population of traffic patterns associated with the airshow.

The 355th Transportation Squadron will provide transportation to and from the airshow for base housing residents. Residents are discouraged from driving to the airshow.

"I recommend you bring a lawn chair and sun screen, and come spend the day at the airshow," Parkhurst said. "This is sure to be an event you won't want to miss."

Contact Parkhurst by e-mail at <u>AandAdays2000@dm.af.mil</u> or check out the Web site at <u>www.dm.af.mil/aa</u> for updated information or to volunteer. D-M organizations who wish to operate a concessionaire-supplied booth should e-mail requests to Senior Master Sgt. Donna Coleman, 355th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant, at <u>Donna.Coleman@dm.af.mil</u>.

Desert Airman survey results lead to base paper changes

More than 250 people responded to the recent *Desert Airman* survey, which was conducted May through June.

The 15-question survey asked respondents about their likes and dislikes of the weekly base newspaper and asked for their suggestions to improve it.

The majority of answers came from enlisted, active-duty male readers between the ages of 25 and 44 and between the ranks of E-4 to E-6.

Answers for questions numbered 1 through 8, which follow, were: agree, strongly agree, disagree, strongly disagree or neither.

Question 1: The *Desert Airman* is a vital source of Air Force, DoD and base news. The majority, 50 percent, agreed. Eleven percent strongly agreed, 11 percent disagreed, 8 percent strongly disagreed and 19 percent were undecided.

Question 2: The writing level in the *Desert Airman* **is easy to read and understand.** The majority, 62 percent, agreed. Twenty-four percent strongly agreed, 0 percent disagreed, 7 percent strongly disagreed and 7 percent were undecided.

Question 3: The *Desert Airman* seems primarily written for airmen, NCOs, officers or DoD civilans, not family members. The majority, 36 percent, were undecided. Twenty-five percent agreed, 4 percent strongly agreed, 30 percent disagreed and 4 percent strongly disagreed.

Question 4: The *Desert Airman* keeps me fully informed about Air Force personnel policies and decisions. The majority, 33 percent, agreed. Five percent strongly agreed, 30 percent disagreed, 9 percent strongly disagreed and 24 percent were undecided.

Question 5: The *Desert Airman* keeps me fully informed about events happening on base. The majority, 51 percent, agreed. Seventeen percent strongly agreed, 10 percent disagreed, 5 percent strongly disagreed and 17 percent were undecided.

Question 6: Overall, the *Desert Airman* is a trustworthy source of information. The majority, 49 percent, agreed. Fourteen percent strongly agreed, 6 percent disagreed, 8 percent strongly disagreed and 24 percent were undecided.

Question 7: The stories in the *Desert Airman* are relevant, timely and keep me informed

on things I didn't already know. The majority, 48 percent, agreed. Twenty-three percent strongly agreed, 11 percent disagreed, 9 percent strongly disagreed and 23 percent were undecided.

Question 8: Overall, the information in the Desert Airman is accurate and believable. The majority, 60 percent, agreed. Nine percent strongly agreed, 6 percent disagreed, 6 percent strongly disagreed and 19 percent were undecided.

Answers for questions numbered 9 through 11 were excellent, very good, satisfactory, below satisfactory and poor.

Question 9: In terms of the amount of stories, rate the *Desert Airman* at recognizing local people with stories and photos. The majority, 42 percent, chose satisfactory. Fifteen percent said excellent, 34 percent said very good, 9 percent said below satisfactory and 1 percent said poor.

Question 10: In terms of the photos and graphic illustrations, how would you rate the *Desert Airman?* The majority, 40 percent, chose satisfactory. Eighteen percent said excellent, 33 percent said very good, 7 percent said below satisfactory' ad 2 percent said poor.

Question 11: How would you rate the *Desert Airman* as a source of information about the topics you think are most important? The majority, 45 percent, chose satisfactory. Eight percent said excellent, 27 percent said very good, 15 percent said below satisfactory and 4 percent said poor.

Question 12: If an electronic version of the *Desert Airman* were available on the Internet, I would read it. The majority, 55 percent, agreed. Twenty percent disagreed, 24 percent said they didn't know and 2 percent said they would if they had a computer.

Question 13: Where do you get your copy of the *Desert Airman*? The majority, 71 percent, pick up the newspaper at their work area. Fourteen percent get it through base distribution, 11 percent in base housing, 8 percent at the base exchange, 6 percent at the commissary, four percent at services facilities and 3 percent said other.

Question 14: How often do you read the Desert Airman? The majority, 77 percent, read the newspaper every week. Thirteen percent



J. Elaine Phillingane

2nd Lt. Danielle Burrows, 355th Wing Public Affairs, reviews the base paper after it is published.

read it every other week, 7 percent read it once a month and 3 percent never read it.

Question 15: How often does your family read the *Desert Airman***?** The majority, 34 percent, said their family reads the newspaper every week. Thirteen percent said family members read it every other week, 29 percent once a month and 24 percent never.

(Note: Percentages were rounded to the nearest whole number.)

Respondents were also asked to add comments at the end of the survey. A few comments were especially common:

Comment: "Please quit delivering your newspaper to my on-base residence. If I want the paper, I'll get it on a newsstand at work or at the base exchange. Even though I enjoy reading your newspaper at work, your unread papers pollute the base neighborhood."

Response: A few solutions to this problem are being looked at right now, including alternatives, such as bagged papers and better delivery to the doorsteps, instead of driveways and gutters. The publisher's circulation manager validated the complaints raised by the base advisory council and is holding the delivery sub-contractors, military dependents on base, liable for better service. Military family housing members are still responsible to pick up the newspapers.

Comment: "Not sure about an e-mail version (would be huge file and clog the works) but a webposted version would be great."

Response: Public affairs has purchased software to get the Desert Airman posted to the Web site, www.dm.af.mil, so even deployed members will be able to read the latest edition of the newspaper on-line each Friday.

Comment: "Overall a good publication. It's the **See Survey Page 5**

D-M members shine during language competition

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is home to some of the best Spanish linguists in the Department of Defense, according to the results from the May 2000 Worldwide Language Olympics.

The competition was held in Monterey, Calif., at the Defense Language Institute. More than 500 service members competed in reading, listening and speaking competitions to determine which linguists are the best.

D-M sent 12 members from the

41st Electronic Combat Squadron and 43rd ECS to represent the 355th Wing. They were the only Air Combat Command competitors. Other Air Force elements such as Offutt AFB, Neb, and the RSOCs rounded out the Air Force representation.

"As an all services event, it was each person to their corner to battle out which service provides the best language training and real world application," said Airman 1st Class Andrew Miller.

The Air Force received more med-

als per capita than any other service. Miller and Airman 1st Class Adam Twitchell, both 41st ECS analysis operators, won third place overall in the Spanish competition and a bronze medal in the Gisting competition. Staff Sgt. John Jones and Senior Airman Christopher Shorten, also from the 41st ECS, demonstrated their knowledge of their area of responsibility by securing a bronze medal in the Jeopardy competition.

In the nonresident competition,

Master Sgt. Robert Flyzk, Detachment 2, and Master Sgt. John Graham, 355th Training Squadron, took first place in the Korean race.

The language olympics are held each year at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. Each competitor must hold a linguist billet and be selected by their unit to compete.

Languages tested are: Spanish, Russian, Arab, Persian-Farsi, Chinese and Korean. (Courtesy 41st Electronic Combat Squadron)

Survey

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first thing I read on Fridays and I sometimes refer it throughout the week for information."

Response: Thanks. It's important that members exercise their personal responsibility to keep abreast of Air Force issues and policies that the newspaper staff strives to present each week, balancing local news and features.

Comment: "I do appreciate the removal of the strip club advertisements. I believe it helps the image that the Air Force wants to present to the public and helps new members understand that Air Force members should set a good standard for others to follow."

Response: The public affairs office concurs. Entertainment clubs, smoking, alcohol and gambling advertisements were removed from the paper when the wing advised the publisher that they were inconsistent with Air Force care and family values.

Comment: "Good paper but it might be refreshing and more credible to read something a little more controversial from time to time, such as

differing opinion on policies such as Anthrax, DWIs/underage drinking, homosexuals, etc."

Response: The base newspaper has traditionally been the commander's tool to share important command information, recognize individual and unit achievements and support the base community. As such, the *Desert Airman* does not conduct "investigative" reporting or delve into coverage that might run contrary to good military order and discipline. Readers rely on the local papers and national publications for divergent opinions.

Comment: "Whenever something "not so pretty" happens, either nothing is reported, something very vague is run, or the commander butters up what really went on ... If you guys are going to put a paper together, have an entire piece, not a bunch of pretty patches sewn together."

Response: The base relies on command channels to correct any actions that might not reflect well on the men and women of the wing. Since it's important to maintain public confidence in

our ability to perform the mission, the paper does not focus on "negative press", which might undermine public confidence in the Air Force. Public affairs does respond to media queries following incidents and this information is broadcast and published by the local news media.

Comment: "I'd like to see a crossword puzzle and comics."

Response: We now have the New York Times crossword as a result of better advertising sales. If advertising sales allow the increase of page space, the public affairs office may seek the talents of a base cartoonist for a weekly comic.

Comment: "It would be nice to hear what people think about restaurants, movies and other things of interest."

Response: As a result of survey comments, several items will appear shortly in the *Desert Airman*. We've also started a "man on the street" column, where we poll different people on different local issues. Also, suggestions for story ideas on local people and activities are always encouraged. (*Courtesy 355th Wing Public Affairs*)

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New, improved post office opens at D-M

By Karen Halstead Staff Writer

The new Davis-Monthan Air Force Base post office opened Monday. The new facility, Building 4420, is located at 5450 East Madera Street across from the library and adjacent to the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing commander, thanked all the base units and agencies that worked to make the new post office a reality. He referred to the new facility as, "The new tallest point on base," since the building sets up off the ground so far.

The new post office was built using a combination of efforts through a contractor and in-house civil engineering resources. Troops from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron demolished the car rental facility that previously occupied the site to make way for the new building. The rental car operation was relocated to the billeting office. The contractor, Invensys Construction and Engineering, built the new facility through a Corps of Engineers

ToolBox contract, according to information from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.

D-M troops also designed and built the parking lot around the new facility. Troops from the local Air National Guard are scheduled to provide the finishing touches to a wall that screens off the exterior utilities, according to James Barker, 355th CES chief engineer.

Barker said the old post office is slated for demolition by the end of September.

The \$475,000 project relocates D-M's U.S. Postal Service office and the contractor who distributes mail to D-M dormitory residents.

The base information transfer center operation will eventually relocate to Building 4430, recreation supply, behind the new post office, according to Tech. Sgt. Steve Nolan, 355th Communications Squadron NCOin charge of administrative communications.

The new 3,200 square-foot post office comes complete with new post office boxes, provided by the USPS. About 47 customers will receive new postal box numbers. Notices were



Staff Sqt. J. Elaine Phillingane

Duke Snyder, postal worker, assists one of the first customers opening day at the new Post Office.

sent to all customers whose box number would be changed prior to the opening of the new post office.

USPS hours at the new D-M facility are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. The phone number at the facility is 790-0180. Customers who have questions about packages held at D-M's post office can call the D-M facility; otherwise, customers with general questions can call 1-800-275-8777.

Although the new facility will not house a copier, copier services are available across the street in the base library

"We would like to remind our customers to bring their packages to the

post office ready to be processed," Jacque Boswell, D-M post office window clerk, said. "We don't have supplies such as tape and packing materials to give to customers. When our customers come prepared, we are able to expedite their transactions more quickly and help more customers."

At the old post office, USPS employees would give customers pink cards to designate the end of the service line when it got close to closing time. "We also will have much better control of our closing time," she said.

"When it is 5 p.m. we will simply close. No more pink cards."

Leaders graduate NCO academy

The following technical sergeants graduated from the NCO Academy June 29:

Richard Smith, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron; Jerry Lockwood, 43rd ECS; Tyler Love, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron; Timothy Smith, 42nd ACCS; Ronald Lorimor 355th Training Squadron; Darrell Wiedenbeck 358th

FS; Douglas Anderson, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Craig Mader, 355th EMS; Leo Bernier, 355th EMS; Luis Solorzano, 355th EMS; Lawrence Sims, 355th Supply Squadron; Shirley Batten, 355th Medical Group; Derek Shannon, 12th Air Force; Thorley Rinn, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; and Tyrone Patterson 355th Security Forces Squadron.

Millennium leaders at D-M get oriented

The Senior NCO Orientation Seminar will take place July 25 to 27, in the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club ballroom. The seminar runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

The orientation is designed to give new senior NCOs information and skills that will assist them in meeting the roles and responsibilities that accompany the rank of master sergeant.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be former Chief Master of the Air Force Eric Benken.

This seminar was created by senior NCOs who have "been there and done that" and want their fellow senior NCOs to get off to a great start, according to Chief Master Sgt. Kriete, 355th Wing command chief master sergeant.

The two-day seminar exposes new senior NCOs to some of the

things supervisors and subordinates expect of them, along with other guest speakers from various organizations and agencies throughout the base who will offer information that most military members are familiar with, but from a senior NCO perspective.

Orientation members will have the opportunity to meet with panels of leaders throughout the base including commanders, first sergeants and chief master sergeants. All three panels are designed to give first-hand knowledge of what each of the different groups expect to see in their senior NCOs.

Seminar members will have the opportunity to seek advice from these leaders.

A number of other topics that directly affect all military members such as; Professional Military Education, military justice, personnel programs, promotion and personal development will be discussed. All with a spin on how a senior NCO should view these important areas and issues.

Kriete will present an extensive briefing on what is required to get promoted as a senior NCO in the Air Force.

"The base is also fortunate to have a chief who sat on a senior NCO promotion board come and offer first hand knowledge on the process," said Master Sgt. James Riley, 358th Fighter Squadron.

Senior NCOs who have attended this orientation in the past have given the seminar high marks on information presented. Much of the information has become invaluable in their everyday lives, benefiting them and more so their superiors and subordinates, according to Riley. A special induction ceremony for all attendees will be held July 27 at 8 a.m. in the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron hangar to showcase the master selects, but will not take the place of the normal monthly induction ceremony. People interested in signing up to attend must contact their first sergeant.

"The orientation not only helps to create better senior NCOs, it provides the much needed link between superiors and subordinates instilling the whole person concept in all of us," Kriete said. "Additionally, it provides the newest senior NCOs with some of the tools necessary to take better care of their people and themselves."

The ultimate goal of the seminar is to jump-start the process of developing senior NCOs that are wise, competent and better prepared to lead and mentor tomorrow's upcoming enlisted corps, today, according to Kriete. (Courtesy the senior NCO induction committee)



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

New commander

Col. (Dr.) David Guerra, 355th Dental Squadron commander, watches Lt. Col. (Dr.) John Orto and Rhonda Swatzell perform a dental procedure on a patient. Guerra assumed command of the dental squadron June 15.

Korean War 50th Anniversary

As America recognizes its veterans (over the next three years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman will run significant events related to the Korean War. This week in 1950, the following significant events occurred:

July 14: The 35th Fighter Interceptor Group, moving from Japan to a new airfield (K-3) at Pohang, became the first U.S. Air Force fighter group to be based in South Korea during the war. The 6132nd Tactical Air Control Squadron, the first tactical air control unit in the war, activated at Taegu under Col. Joseph Lee, Air Force. It provided forward, ground-based air control for aircraft providing close air support of United Nation forces. A 5th Air Force - 8th Army Joint Operations Center began to function at Taegu, and Fifth Air Force organized an advance headquarters at Itazuke Air Base, Japan.

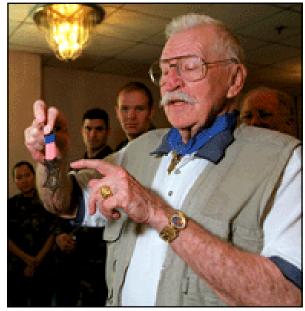
July 15: Carrier aircraft on missions over Korea began to report to the Joint Operations Center at Taegu. The 51st Fighter Squadron (Provisional) at Taegu flew the first F-51 Mustang combat missions in Korea. A Fifth Air Force operation order assigned "Mosquito" call signs to airborne controllers in T-6 airplanes; the name became the aircraft identifier.

July 17: Three B-29s accidentally bombed friendly civilians in Andong, South Korea, illustrating the dangers of using B-29s on close air support missions.

July 18: The 19th Bomber Group modified some B-29s for the use of radio-guided bombs (Razon) to enable them to bomb bridges more accurately.

July 19: In a dogfight near Taejon, 5th Air Force F-80s shot down three enemy Yaks, the highest daily number of aerial victories this month. In the campaign to establish air superiority in the theater, seven F-80s of the 8th Fighter-Bomber Group, led by Lt. Col. William Samways, destroyed 15 enemy airplanes on the ground near Pyongyang.

July 20: Despite Far East Air Force close air support, the North Korean Army took Taejon, forcing the remnants of the United States 24th Infantry Division to withdraw to the southeast. U.S. ground forces defending Taejon had suffered in seven days almost 30 percent casualties. Maj. Gen. Otto Weyland, Air Force, arrived in the Far East to assume the position of FEAF vice commander for operations. 5th Air Force pilots in F-80s shot down two more enemy aircraft, the last aerial victories until November. Enemy air opposition by this time had virtually disappeared, a sign of United Nations air superiority.



Tech. Sat. Renee' Sitle

Retired Col. Lewis Millett shows off his medals and shares a story with a crowd of airmen at the Pacific House Dining Facility at Osan Air Base, Korea, June 28. The breakfast preceded a commemoration ceremony at the base chapel honoring the first six U.S. casualties of the Korean War who were killed June 28. 1950. The casualties — all airmen — were: 1st Lt. Raymond Cyborski, 1st Lt. Remer Harding, 1st Lt. Vernon Lindvig, 1st Lt. Derrell Sayre, Staff Sgt. Jose Campos Jr. and Staff Sgt. William Goodwin. Millett was among the distinguished visitors at the ceremony. Millett. a seasoned combat veteran of World War II led the Wolfhound Regiment in a daring bayonet charge up Hill 180, Feb. 7, 1951 and conquered the hill. Millett received a Medal of Honor for his actions July 5, 1951.

Recruiter's promises fulfilled by dedication, pride in service

By Lt. Col. John Sokolsky 355th Operations Support Squadron commander

Face it ... most of us probably shared the same fond feeling homicide - toward our friendly recruiter a few times at the beginning of our career.

The first time was no doubt sometime between day two and 28 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, when the recruiter's description of basic military training being a summer camp to teach one how to wear the uniform, gave way to the reality of oh-dark-thirty wake-ups by chronically-grumpy NCOs with penchants of tossing trash cans (or very small people) down the center of the aisle, screaming, 'get up!"

Six weeks later (or sometimes seven or eight ...) we left basic for our technical training school, many times in a job that had little semblance to the one we thought we were getting when we signed on the dotted line.

Spotty teenager — "Hi, I'd like to be a general."

Wisened recruiter - "Sure thing; just sign here under 'General-Open'.'

Seven weeks later you leave with a promising career in the landscaping industry as a rock painter.

The second time one thinks of their recruiter must be as you are 30 days into your 90-day, all expenses paid, vacation to the beach in an exotic country.

Funny how he failed to mention the water was going to be 200 miles away, but it was no lie about the sand.

But I seriously thought of my recruiter April 21st, 1991, when



Lt. Col. John Sokolsky is commander of the 355th Operations Support Squadron. **Continued on Page 11** He has served in the Air Force for more than 24 years.

Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Col. Kathleen Spencer, incoming 355th Logistics Group commander; arriving from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

GS-16 Javier Cerna, Western Region Area Vice President for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; visiting AAFES

355th Wing Flying Goals

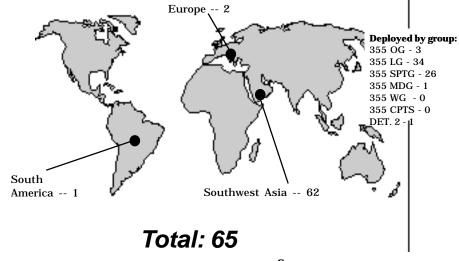
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Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, **504** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.



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Recruiter

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I was flying my first sortie in an A-10 over Northern Iraq supporting Operation Provide Comfort. Truly it was a lesson in American civics that no civilian educational center could replicate.

Just a few days earlier, I had been sitting at my air base in the United Kingdom, dealing with the frustrated feelings of having missed Desert Storm while a member of the largest fighter wing in the free world.

The shooting was over and the Iraqi troops well spanked.

However, the Iraqi troops were down, but not out. They turned their sights from the Coalition Forces to their own people in Northern Iraq.

It was a sight no one could ever forget as I descended through the clouds — tens of thousands of men, women and children fleeing their homes in whatever transportation they could muster to retreat up the cloud-laden mountains.

Vehicles lay abandoned, the roads too steep and primitive to support anything short of a mountain goat, and these people formed several groups, each 50 to 60,000 strong, on the exposed mountaintops.

There was no shelter, no water, no food.

For the next several months the same coalition that had so precisely dropped weapons shifted their munitions to food and water.

The tank-busting A-10's mission shifted to forward scout and escort, guiding numerous C-130s and C-160s to several drop zones daily to deliver their life-saving goods.

The coalition then built an entire city in mere weeks, and under the umbrella of coalition air and ground forces, escorted the Kurdish people off the mountains and back to their newly constructed, if not temporary, home.

The Iraqi troops were "encouraged" to return back to the south (at gunpoint).

A tentative, if not tense, truce existed, and the civilians were allowed to restart their lives.

No, I didn't have to fire one bullet.

In fact, due to the impressive display of precision firepower from Desert Storm veterans, the last thing the Iraqi military wanted was another scrap with the coalition.

But the situation in April through July of 1991, repeated several times before and since in various regions worldwide, gave me

pause to think of the incredible privilege we enjoy in the United States.

Just think: about the only time you will see any line longer than a few thousand would be at a *Doobie Brothers/Kansas* Golden Oldies Concert men's room.

The Constitution we all swore to defend ensures problems are resolved mutually and without force.

Our standard of living and economic opportunity are envied the world over, with people queued endlessly to become U.S. citizens.

And so it is that every time I return from another austere deployment or remote, and there have been several, an overwhelming sense of pride fills me; intangible benefits hard to duplicate in the civilian sector.

The men and women who recently returned from Aerospace Expeditionary Force 5 hopefully felt the same surge as they crossed the ocean and set foot back in the United States. They made a real difference.

And so it is that I would like to meet my recruiter from a few decades past to thank him for having me sign on the dotted line, whatever the promise.

Unarmed ... honest!

Health Focus

TRICARE e-mail system available

A few months ago, THEMS, the TRICARE_Help electronic mail system went online to provide TRICARE related assistance to active-duty and retired TRICARE beneficiaries of all military services, Coast Guard, Guard, reserves, etc., and their families. THEMS allows all TRICARE beneficiaries to use e-mail to get TRICARE related issues acted on and resolved in a timely manner.

The e-mail address to use to contact TRICARE_Help is: TRICARE_Help@ amedd.army.mil. Hyperlinks used by some e-mail programs may make it look like there is a space between the words "TRICARE" and "Help" in the above address. There is no space, the two words are connected by an underscore character, e.g., TRICARE_Help. Upper and/or lower case letters may be used in the address.

TRICARE_News mailing list membership has increased significantly since the initial announcement was made. The officer in charge of THEMS has asked that the TRICARE_Help information be distributed again to reinforce the message that TRICARE_Help stands ready, willing, and able to assist all TRICARE beneficiaries in resolving TRICARE related issues.

Recent computer upgrades and the hiring of additional personnel enable TRICARE_Help to serve TRICARE beneficiaries even better than before. (Note: THEMS is not intended to replace or bypass TRICARE Service Centers and other local TRICARE assistance sources. Maximum effort should be made to resolve all TRICARE related issues at the local and/or lowest possible level. However, if local assistance is not readily available, THEMS is ready to assist.)

The TRICARE_Help E-mail address will be included at the bottom of every TRICARE_News message. Please advise if you have any questions or comments concerning use of TRICARE_Help. All comments and questions will be passed on to the THEMS staff for action.

Frequently asked questions: What is TRICARE Help?

It is the Army's free service designed to get you quick answers to any TRICARE question. Whether you are looking for basic TRICARE information or have a more difficult issue involving TRICARE, there is one address where people are standing by to assist you. (We do not answer medical questions; please refer these to your health care provider.)

Note: Although THEMS is managed by the Army, it is available to all service components. **Who will answer my mail?**

You will receive an initial response from our professional administrative staff within one (1) business day. This initial response will let you know which TRICARE expert has been assigned to help answer your question. Our TRICARE experts work at Army hospitals, the TRICARE Management Activity, at our corporate headquarters (United States Army Medical Command/Office of the Army Surgeon General), and for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

If it has to do with TRICARE, we have the people who can answer your question. No matter what part of TRICARE your e-mail pertains to, we will keep your personal information confidential.

When will I receive a reply?

Once your inquiry reaches one of our experts, we will get you an answer quickly. In some cases, our expert can resolve your issue the same day. With more difficult issues, you can expect at least a preliminary response in a week.

Where can I use the help address?

Our e-mail address can be reached from any computer that is connected to the Internet. You can easily reach us at work, at home, or from anywhere else. It is perfectly acceptable to e-mail us from your Department of Defense computer at work.

How does the system work?

Our e-mail help system uses the speed and efficiency of the Internet to send your inquiry directly to our staff center. Once it arrives there, our professional administrative staff consults their list of TRICARE experts and forwards your mail to the expert who is responsible for your concern. We track each and every piece of mail to make sure all mail is answered quickly and professionally.

Our experts respond directly to you. If you

It's an emergency! What do I do?

We may all one day be faced with a life-ordeath situation that requires quick action. You may witness a loved one having a heart attack. You may be faced with a victim of a fall who is now unconscious. What will you do?

To start with, we need to understand what constitutes an emergency. It is any situation where you feel a life is in danger such as when somebody might be having a heart attack, or has a problem breathing, where you feel an arm or a leg may be lost, or where you feel that eyesight may be lost.

In such a situation, first survey the area to ensure your safety. Then call for help. At Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, the phone number to call for help in an emergency is 911.

This will give you the fastest access to the most qualified emergency ambulance and paramedic services.

If you call 911 from base housing, you will be directly connected to the Tucson Fire Department at their 911 medical response center and they will within minutes respond to any area in base housing.

If you call 911 from a (D-M AFB) 228-xxxx phone number, you will be connected to the D-M AFB fire department, who has a direct connection with the medical response center for Tucson Fire Department. An ambulance will be dispatched within minutes when needed.

If you need care for an urgent problem or have any questions about medical problems, please call your primary care manager in the panel you are assigned during business hours or 8-2828 after hours. (Courtesy 355th Medical Group)

have additional questions or need more help, they are only a click away. Each inquiry and response is filed so that you can always write to us again and ask for more help on the same issue. (Courtesy 355th Medical Group)

By Todd Canale

355th Civil Engineer Squadron

Imagine being awakened in the middle of the night by the blaring fire alarm ringing throughout your dormitory. Do you try to wait it out, maybe hide in the bathroom, or make the obligatory evacuation to the parking lot. While in the parking lot, you wait for the fire department to conduct a walkthrough of the facility, only to release you back to your slumber at 3 a.m., for a nuisance alarm because someone was smoking in their room. For many of us, this has become routine, and thus breeding complacency. In light of the tragic fire at Seton Hall University, in New Jersey, a survivor (Lizzy), recounts her story through an e-mail message. (This story was taken directly from Fire House Magazine, May 2000, and is reproduced, with permission, below):

Hi everyone! I'm writing to tell you what happened at my dorm since some of you wanna know the story.

It was 4:30 a.m., and I was about to go to sleep. My roommate Becky was already sleeping. The fire alarm went off so I tried to wake her up. Although we never go out for them because we have so many fake ones. I had a feeling about this one because it was out of the blue. Also, we had a floor meeting a few days before and my residence advisor said that they are gonna check every room to make sure everyone goes out. I had to fight with Becky to go outside. She was saying that she was gonna hide in the closet. Eventually she got up, went to the bathroom, and changed her clothes. When she was in the bathroom she looked outside to see if there were any people outside and said there weren't so she wasn't going. I had to tell her off to go outside. Finally, she was gonna go so I played mommy making sure that she got her coat, gloves, and of course cigarettes. Then I went to my friend's room across the hall and banged on their door. Thinking they were already outside because I knew they were awake. Right before I was about to go outside, they opened the door. They were pretending to be sleeping. Then I told them off and

Heeding fire alarms can be a life-saving decision

told them to hurry up because it was real. Then I went to the next door and did the same thing.

When we were in the hallway of my floor about to go downstairs, we started to see a lot of gray smoke. I thought it was just someone stupid who lit a smoke bomb. Then we walked down the stairs to the third floor (I live on the fourth) and it was all black. I was in shock ... just standing there, looking at it, and breathing it in. That's when Becky became my mommy. She yelled at me to cover my face and to keep walking. The smoke was so heavy I became lightheaded. I couldn't imagine actually being where the fire was ... I probably would've passed out.

Finally we got outside and walked around the front of the building. That's when it was the most scary. There were a few girls hanging out of their window ... screaming for help with a huge cloud of black smoke behind them. Becky said, "let's get out of here ... whatever we see is gonna be bad." There were no fire trucks here yet so we didn't know how they would last. Finally one came and a huge crowd of people jumped in front of it pointing at the girls. They were gonna go to the other side of the building. They yelled for anyone to help and a bunch of guys ran to assist them. Eventually they got the girls out. Then we just stood outside for hours in the cold worrying if everyone was ok. While standing there... we talked to a kid who jumped out of his third floor window. He was limping and his clothes were all ripped. Kids who got out early enough ran across the street to some man's house and woke him up and he brought over a ladder that saved dozens of kids.

I was home for a week wearing only the clothes on my back. I had no money, no license, no make-up, nothing. I went home wearing slippers. Ironically, I had to bring everything to school because we are moving out of my house. Everything I owned was at school.

Now I just got back to school and

things are very different. A lot of people moved out and the third, fourth, and fifth floors are in a hotel. It's not ever gonna be the same. Luckily none of my things are ruined. I actually think they cleaned up our room a little bit. I had beer in the room, and it ended up hidden beneath my bed and our window fan was out.

I just wanted to let you know to take fire alarms seriously! Even if it is just a drill. On the news, I heard about a fire alarm in another dorm on campus going off and some girl from Seton Hall said that the fire alarm went off and she looked out the window, saw no fire trucks so went back to bed. Obviously, some people haven't learned ... even when a real fire killed some people on her campus

Thank you all for being so concerned. It means a lot. Feel free to forward this if anyone asks.

Lizzy

You may think that fires do not occur on federal installations, however, in the last couple of years, the Air Force has experienced two major dormitory fires, one at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and the other at MacDill AFB, Fla. During the fire at MacDill, 32 fire fighters were dispatched at 9:37 p.m., for both heat detector activation and 911 phone calls. Ultimately, it was determined that a candle on the third floor caused the fire when it fell on a stack of magazines that caught a sofa on fire. Four firefighters were treated for exhaustion and the damage was estimated at \$125,000.

In a similar situation, Offutt AFB experienced a dormitory fire of greater magnitude in August of 1998, this fire was started in the first floor dayroom by an unattended cigarette at approximately 2:30 a.m., with an end result of eight people injured by smoke inhalation and two severely burned. The dollar loss exceeded \$250,000, and is still uninhabitable today.

According to two Offutt assistant

fire chiefs of operations, the biggest problem was the timely and orderly evacuation of residents.

"It seems that folks are conditioned to egress the facility the same way they came in and not bothering to identify alternate escape routes." The facility is that of typical Air Force installations, "Type I" fire resistive and designed to compartmentalize the fire to the point of origin. However, the morning of the fire the smoke/fire doors were manually blocked in the open position thus allowing smoke and products of combustion to extend to all three level of the dormitory. Dorm managers have a listing of people by room number but are not always aware of the resident's whereabouts forcing the fire department to do a methodical room by room search for victims. Other factors attributed to the chaos in the early morning to include the lack of sprinklers and a number of bystanders using their horns in an effort to alert the residents. In the fire service the universal signal for evacuation is to utilize the apparatus horns and sirens to alert firefighters of impending building collapse, consequently, as crews were inside attacking the fire they egressed immediately, only to learn that local by-standards were only trying to help.

The Davis-Monthan Fire Department enforces Air Force Instriction 32-2001/base supplement 33 which states in paragraph 3.4.26.2: "The following items are prohibited in dormitories: candles, incense or any open flame device which produces a constant flame, fire arms and ammunition, tires, explosives to include fireworks, flammable and combustible liquid, and any cooking items with the exception of coffee pots and microwave ovens.

Please take heed of the accounts above and ensure to comply with the base supplement and always evacuate in a timely and orderly manner. In addition, when evacuating please stand clear of the apparatus and be sure that a dorm chief or bay orderly is present with a master key to assist the suppression crews with their search of the facility.

Sonoran Spotlight

Name and rank: Staff Sgt. John Carlton **Organization and duty title:** 355th Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office; Military

Equal Opportunity technician

Main responsibilities: Conduct equal opportunity complaint clarifications

Best aspects of the job: Interacting with

people

Hometown: Warsaw, N.C. **Years of service:** Nine

Why did you join the Air Force: I joined to

expand my horizons

Career goals: To earn a bachelors degree in computer science and eventually own my own business

Hobbies, outside activities: Spend time with my family, play basketball and go to school **Favorite musical group:** Kirk Franklin and Family

Favorite sports team: North Carolina Tarheels and the Washington Redskins **Someone who inspires you or that you admire and why:** My mother; in spite of all her problems, she managed to rise above them and raise her family

Dream vehicle: BMW and a Toyota 4-Runner

Dream vacation: Hawaii

Dream assignment: Yokota, Japan



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brow

Staff Sgt. John Carlton reviews Military Equal Opportunity policy information with Airman1st Class Artasia Pratt, 355th Medical Operations Squadron.

Area Defense Counsel

Licensed attorney certified to practice in military courts

By Senior Airman Andrea Popp *Defense paralegal*

(Editor's note: Capt Shannon Hanscom, the former Area Defense Counsel, transferred to Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Capt. Joseph Kiefer will take over as the new ADC July 30.)

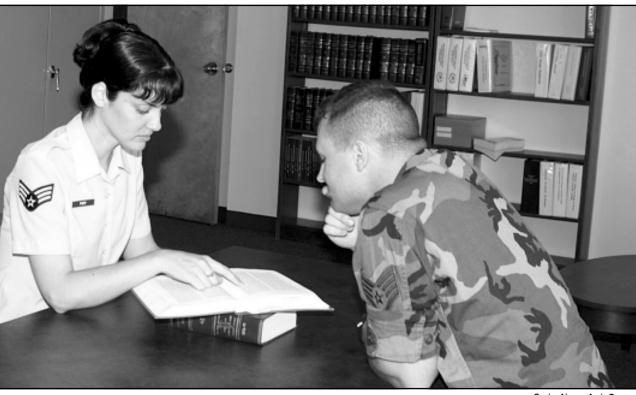
The Area Defense Counsel is a licensed attorney certified to practice before military courts. The ADC is assisted by one paralegal and they are located on the third floor of Building 3510.

The ADC's main priority is to aid members in adverse administrative, judicial and nonjudicial actions. Courts-martial, discharge boards, Article 15s, and notification discharges consist of most of the actions the ADC deals with. However, no problem is too big or too small for us to at least listen to.

The most important thing to know about the Area Defense Counsel Office is that it is not part of the 355th Wing or Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Neither the ADC nor the defense paralegal report to the base legal office, the 355th WG, 12th AF, or any other Davis-Monthan unit, or anyone at Air Combat Command

The ADC office is essentially just a tenant unit here to serve the D-M military community. Its chain of command runs through the Air Force Legal Services Agency, which is also an independent unit.

As a result, there is no way any commander can influence the advice or tactics the ADC provides to the client. Additionally, the attorney-client confidential communications privilege applies to anything a member tells the ADC. The defense paralegal is included in this privilege when acting on behalf of the



Senior Airman Amie Ganno

Senior Airman Andrea Popp, defense paralegal for the Area Defense Counsel at D-M, points out legal information to a client.

ADC. Keep in mind, there are only two types of people who have a confidential communications privilege — attorneys and clergy. Anything you say to anyone else is not protected by any privilege; this includes military doctors and mental health care providers.

At D-M, there is only one attorney and one paralegal to deal with any criminal matters that come up here. If you think this sounds like a lot of work for just two people, you're right. So, at times there will be a need to find

an ADC from another base to help a client. Some other examples of having to "farm out" a client is where there are several individuals involved in one incident. It is considered a conflict for the ADC to see all the members involved since there is a possibility that the individuals will be witnesses against each other. Fortunately, there are plenty of attorneys out there to help.

Please feel free to call the ADC at 8-5664 for more information.

Close the loop, help pollution prevention ... buy recycled

Pollution prevention became Air Force policy in September 1992 when goals were set to reduce waste including hazardous waste. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base achieves these goals through pollution prevention and recycling programs managed by the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Quality Flight.

One of D-M's top pollution prevention initiatives is recycling, according to Jay Hillman, 355th CES Pollution Prevention Program manager. D-M's recycling facility, located southwest of Yuma Road (at Casa Grande Street), helps supplement and coordinate many of the base's recycling issues.

"Joe Uremovich, recycle center manager, has helped D-M achieve a nearly 50-percent recycling rate," he said. "What makes the difference between success and failure is motivation, and D-M has a lot of motivated people that go out of their way to sort their trash and recycle both at home and in the office."

Although, recycling has been part of everyday life since the 1970s when the slogan "reduce, reuse, recycle" was first used to promote pollution prevention, it is not the final word in the current market-place of recycled products.

"Today, we need to add "buy recycled" to the list in order to "close the loop" in our efforts to reduce waste," Hillman said.

The buy recycled program is also known as affirmative procurement.

"Buying products made from recycled material creates a market for recycled material, insuring pollution prevention is not an effort in futility," Hillman added.

The federal government passed regulations (Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act – RCRA, and Executive Order 13101) requiring federal agencies, including Air Force installations, to recycle and buy products made from recycled material. The 355th Wing commander issued a policy letter that reinforces the environmental regulations and requires all of D-M's government purchases be in accordance with AP guidelines.

The only exemptions from making an AP acquisition are: the item does not meet technical specifications; item is not available in a timely manner; and the AP item is more expensive than a similar non-AP item.

The Environmental Protection Agency monitors these activities and has listed comprehensive procurement guideline items to assist federal agencies in what areas to concentrate their purchasing power.

A key component is EPA's list of designated products and the recycled-content recommendations. EPA has already designated or is proposing to designate eight product categories: construction, landscaping, non-paper office, paper, park and recreation, transportation, vehicular and miscellaneous.

The complete list can be found at the EPA Web site, http:// www.epa.gov./cpg/factshts.htm. (Courtesy of the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron)

ALS class dedicates POW/MIA table

Airman Leadership School Class 00-E recently dedicated a table at the Desert Inn Dining Facility in remembrance of military members considered to be Prisoners Of War or Missing In Action.

The table and its accompanying details have a purpose that is three-fold, according to ALS students.

First, the dedication was a means for the class to pay tribute to members of the armed services who truly lived the Air Force core value of "service before self."

Second, it will also give guests of the Dining Facility a reminder of why our great military exists.

Third and most importantly, it reminds us why Americans are bestowed the freedom too many people take for granted.

The ALS students believe this is an appropriate and needed memorial that will initiate airman to recollect the purpose of their existence in the Air Force and give them an opportunity to take a moment of silence or pray for our courageous predecessors.

Too often we hear about declining discipline, retention dilemmas, lack of pride and many other stigmas with which the Air Force is being labeled.

The students hope the memorial will counteract this by restoring our airman's sense of pride in why they wear the uniform and reminding them of the ultimate sacrifices military members gave to keep our nation free.

"ALS Class 00-E spent many hours planning, organizing and executing this occasion; however, they feel it is necessary to thank some "outsiders" that contributed to the effort. The students believe the end result would not have been conceivable without the selfless actions of the following: a local advertising company for their contributions toward procuring the U.S. and POW/MIA flags; Chief Master Sgt. Craig Bergman and the 305th Rescue Squadron Top 3 Association for volunteering to maintain the table; retired Senior Master Sgt. John Sharratt for his diligent work on the plaques; a local convenience store for allowing the class to hold a car wash to offset the out of pocket costs the students incurred: the Desert Inn staff: and the ALS staff for being supportive throughout the whole ordeal," said Senior Airman Jeffery Herman, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Whether you frequent the Desert Inn or not, pencil a time in your busy schedules to make a visit to see this memorial.

Take the time to read the plaques to learn of the meaning behind the red rose, the white tablecloth, and all the other symbolic details that make the table so special. Question yourselves as to whether or not you are truly living the Air Force core values of Integrity First, Excellence In All



Senior Airman Jeffery Herm

The POW/MIA table at the Desert In dining facility was dedicated by the Airman Leadership School Class 00-E June 15.

We Do, and Service Before Self, keeping in mind the sacrifices our fallen POW/MIA service members and what these core values meant to them.

"Afterwards," Herman said, "ALS Class 00-E guarantees that you will have a greater sense of pride." (Courtesy Airman Leadership School Class 00-E)

Security forces airmen trade M-16 for hockey stick, off-duty action

By Senior Airman Shanda De Anda *Public affairs*

Levi Cass and Marc Erme, both senior airmen assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron, have demanding military careers, but still find the time and energy to participate in perhaps one of the most challenging and potentially aggressive sports available— ice hockey.

"I began watching hockey when I was 8 because my grandfather had season tickets for the Pittsburgh Penguins. That's when I fell in love with the game," said Erme, a 23-year-old Gaithersburg, Md., native.

Cass and Erme agree the awards of playing hockey are not only that it keeps you in shape, but it provides an opportunity to meet a lot of different people.

"When I was young, every friend I had played football or baseball. I wanted to do something different, Cass, a 24-year-old native of Huntington Beach, Calif., said. "I have played hockey since I was 5 years old."

Although ice hockey requires skill, speed and agility while players, weighed down with padding and other equipment, maneuver on the blade of a pair of ice skates no thicker than a ball-point pen, they must also possess a physical strength and mental capacity to get the puck where it needs to go and outplay their opponents.

According to Cass and Erme, these aspects only add to the attraction and challenge of the game making each win more rewarding.

"I enjoy the speed and physical play," Cass said. "It's a challenge striving to beat the guy better than me and of course to win is rewarding."

"It takes a lot of skill to be able to skate the way hockey players do and take the punishment that we take night after night," Erme said

"Hockey teaches me the meaning of being a team player."

Currently Cass and Erme are members of a local team, but are actively looking for other members of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to make a D-M team.

Call Cass at 721-7359 or the Gateway Ice Center, located near the corner of Speedway Boulevard and Kolb, at 290-8800 for more information.

(Right) Levi Cass maneuvers the puck during ice hockey action at the Gateway Ice Center. When he's not playing hockey, Cass is assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron. Cass and teammate Marc Erme are looking for people interested in forming a hockey team from D-M





Sports Shorts

Aerobics, exercise classes

The staff at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offer a full lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week.

Monday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Marie); 12:20 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Tuesday - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. -

Kyokushin (Idris)

Wednesday - 10:10 to 11 a.m. - Spinner (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Kick box (Corinne); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing beginners (Basheera); 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing advanced (Basheera)

Thursday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Marie); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Idris)

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Airman 1st Class Maryann Walker

Celebration

Members of the D-M Mustangs women's softball congratulate a fellow teammate after scoring a run during recent softball competition. Renovations on Mustang 1 and 2 softball fields are scheduled to be complete by Wednesday, and, according to a fitness center official, a full slate of regular season softball action should begin in early August.

Friday - 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Saturday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 11 a.m. to noon - Spinner (Corinne) Call the center at 8-3714 for more information.

Youth soccer sign ups

Boys and girls, ages 5-12, can sign up for soccer from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. Registration is \$45. A birth certificate is needed to register. Soccer on base begins in September. Younger children play through December, while the older children play through March. Volunteer coaches, timekeepers and other officials are needed. Call youth sports director Kathy Sands at 8-8373 for more information.

Reconditioned fields to open

Mustang 1 and 2 softball fields are closed until Wednesday for reconditioning. Reconditioning includes renovations and improvements to infields and outfields. Six inches of sandy topsoil will be removed from the infield, and replaced by six inches of clay composite. After leveling the outfield, new sprinkler heads will be installed, and existing sprinkler heads will be recessed. The work is funded with money from the Air Combat Command Installation Excellence Award, won by the 355th Wing in November. Please stay clear of the construction area. Call 8-3714 for more information.

Softball tournament

The 12th annual "Weekend Bash" softball tournament has been scheduled for Aug. 5 and 6 at Lincoln Park. It is open to all Department of Defense intramural softball teams. Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. The entry fee is \$160, but players save 10 percent by entering and paying before Monday. Call Greg Manning at 8-4190 for more information.

Golf/lunch special

Golfers buying lunch any weekend get a second meal (equal or less value) at no charge, just by showing their golf receipt. This two-forone special is valid Saturdays and Sundays, at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant.



Senior Airman Amie Gannon

Scoreboard

Golf

Intramural - Tuesday

(as of June 27) <u>W-L</u> <u>Team</u> **EMS** 21-3 MSS 19-5 12 AF #1 16-8 43 ECS 14-10 LSS 12.5-11.5 Supply #2 12-4 svs 11.5-12.5 MDG 10-6 41 ECS 8-8 COMM 5-3 12 AF #3 4-20 42 ACCS #1 3-21

Intramural - Wednesday

(as of June 28)

<u>Team</u>	W-L
Supply #1	25-7
CRS	25-7
SFS	23.5-8.5
CES	23-9
Det 2, 67 IG	19.5-12.5
12 AF #2	17.5-14.5
TRS	17.5-14.5

Tee off

(Right) Joe Fernando, 355th Communications Squadron, tees off during action at D-M's Blanchard Golf Course. Intramural golfers hit the course every Tuesday and Wednesday.

25 OWS	12-20
OSS	10-23
TRANS	8-24
42 ACCS #2	7-25
CPTS	4-28

Bowling

Tuesday Doubles

	(Week 5 of 12)
<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L</u>
Team 6	32-16
Team 1	23-17
Team 5	22-18
Team 8	21-19
Team 3	20-20
Team 4	18-22
Team 7	16-32
Team 2	15-24

High Scratch Game - Men: Earl Teer, 262; Jason Bauer, 258 High Scratch Game - Women: Joyce Vaughn, 186; Vi Teer, 167 High Handicap Game - Men: Jason Bauer, 283; Floyd Vaughn, 270 High Handicap Game - Women: Pearl Pelley, 242; Joyce Vaughn, 223 High Scratch Series - Men: Earl Teer, 687; Jason Bauer, 654 High Series Scratch - Women: Joyce Vaughn, 489; Vi Teer, 474 High Series Handicap - Men: Jason Bauer, 729; Donal Mickey, 719 High Series Handicap - Women: Pearl Pelley, 686; Vi Teer, 639

Have-A-Ball Bag &

(We	(Week 12)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L	
Yeah Right	60-36	
Lefties	56-40	
Heart Attacks	54-34	
Exterminators	54-42	
Stayin' Alive	49-47	
The Gutterballs	44-52	
Alley Oops	41-55	
Yustom Snow.	26-70	

Shoe

High Game - Men: Arnold Nunes, 206; A.J. Johnson, 202 High Game - Women: Lesa Kensey, 177; Barb Nunes, 157 High Series - Men: Arnold Nunes, 597; James Johnson, 577 High Series - Women: Lesa Kensey, 447; Barb Nunes, 435

Youth-Adult

	(Week 7)
<u>Team</u>	W-L
Cheaters	35-21
Team 2	32-24
Team 1	31-25
F-117 Stealth	28-28
Team 5	26-30
Team 6	16-40

High Game - Men: Lynn Parker, 261; Travis Cross, 173 High Game - Women: Candy Gregory, 130 High Series - Men: Lynn Parker, 726; Travis Cross, 420

High Series - Women: Candy Gregory, 362; Dorothy Turnbull, 225



Chapel events

Protestant schedule

Today: Aim High Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel 1 annex. Call 889-1715 for more information.

Saturday: Couples' Bible Study, 7 p.m., call 749-5550 for more information.

Sunday: Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Chapels 1 and 2; Traditional Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 2 annex; Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1.

Tuesday: Singles' Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Building 3220.

Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study, noon, Chapel 1; Prayer and Teaching Time, 7 p.m., Chapel 1; Youth Night, for middle and high school groups, Chapel 1, 7 p.m. Call 8-5411 for more information.

Catholic schedule

Saturday: Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church, 4 to 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 7:30 and 10 a.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1; there will be no Confraternity of Christian Doctrine until September.

Monday through Friday: Rosary, 11:10 a.m., Chapel 2; Mass or communion service, 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2.

Wednesday: Rite for Christian Initiation 7 to 8:30 p.m., Chapel 1.

Islamic schedule

Today: Prayer service, noon to 2 p.m., Building 3220, third floor-west; educational classes, 6 to 8 p.m., Building 3220, third-floor west.

Visit the chapel's Web site at www.dm.af.mil/chapel for more information.



Community events

Today: Colorama is at 6 p.m., at the D-M Lanes

Saturday: Mustang 1 and 2 reopen next week. Outdoor Recreation trail ride, July 22; call 8-3736

Monday: Community center Marketplace, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday: Tops in Blue, Aug. 4; call community center, 8-3717

Call ITT to see Karchner Caverns, 8-3700 **Wednesday:** Shop Nogales July 29 with ITT; call 8-3700

Thursday: D-M Lanes Pizza Bar, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunset ride

Ride off into the sunset July 22 with the outdoor recreation center. Horseback riders mount up at Fort Huachuca's stables at 6 p.m. for a guided two-hour trail ride through the scenic Huachuca Mountains. An outdoor barbecue cookout follows the ride. Transportation, ride and cookout are \$30 a person. Riders must be at least 7; those under 18 must be with an adult. More sunset trail rides are Aug. 19 and Sept. 23. Call 8-3736, or stop by Building 4430 to sign up.

Thrift shop closed

The thrift shop is closed for the summer. It will reopen Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.

Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue returns to Tucson, Aug. 4, for a performance at the Tucson Convention Center.

The free 90-minute show is at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m.

"If You Believe" is a musical medley of songs, ranging from big band to pop, country to rhythm and blues, and contemporary Latin to old rock.

Tops in Blue, the U.S. Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, consists of the best talent the Air Force has to offer.

This year's team of 35 active-duty men and women will be seen in 132 shows, at more than 110 U.S. and foreign locations.

National sponsors are AT&T and USPA&IRA (no federal endorsement intended).

Tops in Blue 2000, at the TCC, is open to the public. Call Mike Russo community center director at 8-3717 for more information.



Family support

Today: Couples Communication Workshop, 2 to 4:30 p.m., community center, Building 4201.

Monday: Financial Brief, 8 to 11 a.m., community center, Building. 4201.

Tuesday: Interview Workshop, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., community center, Building 4201, Time for Tots, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Chapel 1,

Wednesday: Transition Assistance Program Seminar, Wednesday to July 21, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., community center, Building 4201

Thursday: Funtime Activity Group, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Child Care for PCS

The Air Force Aid Society's "Child Care for permanent change of station" program is now available at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Cosponsored by the family support center and the family child care program, families with PCS orders are eligible to receive a "Child Care for PCS Certificate" from the FSC for use within 30 days of the family's departure from or arrival at the base. Child care is done in licensed family child care homes. This program is targeted at E-5's and below. Make an appointment to sign up by calling 8-5690. For information, contact Tom McCord or Rico Triana at 8-4024/6040.

Smooth Move

The family support center conducts its next smooth move briefing Aug. 2, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the community center, Building 4201. This briefing covers many topics related to making a permanent change of station move. To meet the needs of those traveling with their pets, additional information will be provided at the pets are family too workshop from 11 a.m. to noon. Both briefings are open to military members, Department of Defense



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AFSA membership

(Left to right) Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, 355th Wing command chief master sergeant; Master Sgt. Rob Altenbernd, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron first sergeant; Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing commander; and Master Sgt. Kevin Wakefield, 355th Supply Squadron first sergeant.

Altenbernd, president of the Air Force Sergeants Association, presented Wilkes an AFSA flag set and named him an honorary member of the association. Anyone interested in joining the association can do so at the next meeting upstairs in the enlisted club Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

employees, and their spouses. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690 for reservations.

VA Benefit Briefing

Any individuals who are 180 days from separating or retiring should attend one of the monthly transition assistance program seminars and receive the Veterans Affairs briefing on loans, education, and disability benefits. The family support center conducts an extra VA benefit briefing each month for members who are unable to attend the primary one. The next briefing is Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the community center, Building 4201. Call 8-5690 for reservations.



Education services

Park University

Park University offers a Bachelor of Science degrees in Criminal Justice, Management, Social Psychology, Management/Accounting, Management/Human Resources and Management/Finance.

Contact the office with any questions, You can call Park University at 748-8266, fax us at 750-8675 or reach us via e-mail at parkcollege@theriver.com.

Troy State University

Troy State University offers three graduate programs: Master of Science in Management, Master of Science in Human Resource Management and an Executive Master of Business Administration.

It is possible to complete the MSM or the MSHRM in one year. All classes are held on weekends. Come by the office in Room 256 at 5260 East Granite Street to discuss program requirements and to register for classes, or call 748-2625 for more information.



On-base clubs

Officers Club

Today: Cook your own steak/chicken, 5 to 8 p.m.

Saturday: Prime rib for two, \$19.95
Sunday: Mini-brunch is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday: Club and barber close at 2 p.m.
Tuesday: Prime rib specials, Tuesdays, 5:30

to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: 2-4-1 Steak Night, 5:30 to

8 p.m.

Thursday: 2-4-1 fajitas, 5:30 to 8 p.m.; two for \$11.95

Desert Oasis Enlisted Club

Today: Club scholarship program ends today **Saturday:** Cabana opens at 1 p.m.

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Sunday: Club closed; Cabana open
Monday: Microbrew specials in sports bar

Tuesday: 2-4-1 Steak Night, 4:30 to 8 p.m. Bingo games at 6 p.m.; buy cards at 5 p.m.

Wednesday: Dollar Off Night

Thursday: Lunch served, Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Club membership transfer

Transferring membership affiliation from one club to another no longer requires resigning from the old club and joining the new one. Club members moving from one base to another keep their membership until they arrive at their new location.

Then, when they provide their new club with a copy of their orders (within 30 days), they'll receive a \$25 club credit.

To learn more about the simplified membership transfer, call the Officers Club at 748-0660, or the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club at 748-8666.

Last day for scholarships

U.S. Air Force Services Club Scholarship applications must be turned in today, at the officers' club or Desert Oasis.

Cash awards of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 for club members and their families who attend or will attend an accredited college or university.

Three-part nomination packages include applicant information, an essay and a summary of the student's goals and achievements.

Scholarships are compliments of First USA Bank (no federal endorsement intended).

Pick up complete application instructions at a base club, or call the 355th Services Squadron marketing office at 8-5950.



Other agencies

Birthday meal

Meal card holders with July, August or September birthdays are invited to Desert Inn Dining Facility's Quarterly Birthday Meal, Thursday, at 5 p.m.

Invitees dine free, and may bring one guest (guests with a meal card incur a charge).

To make reservations, call your first sergeant not later than Tuesday.

The Desert Inn may be reached at 8-5501.

Policy change - selling leave

Reenlisting airmen who want to sell back accrued leave no longer need to be within 90 days of their date of separation.

This policy is retroactive to Oct. 5. Members are still prohibited from selling back more than 60 days of accrued leave. For more information, call Airman Rhoda Howard or Airman 1st Class Krissy Conover at 8-4898 or 8-1066 or stop by Building 3200, Room 5.



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Dining Facility closure

Airman 1st Class Chris Groves, 355th Services Squadron, stirs chili mac. The Desert Inn Dining Facility will be closed for 60 days starting Aug. 1 to upgrade the plumbing. During this time, meal card holders and non-meal card holders will be placed on Basic Allowance for Subsistence at the 'rations in-kind not available' rate of \$8.54 per diem. The Roadrunner Flight Kitchen remains open to support the 355th Wing's flying mission. Call the Food Service Office at 8-3030 or military pay at 8-5111 for more information.

First sergeants needed

Master sergeants and above interested in being a first sergeant are needed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and throughout the Air Force. For more information call Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, 355th Wing command chief master sergeant, at 8-3319.



Movie theater

Today and Saturday:

Shanghai Noon

(PG-13) Noon and 7 p.m. (110 minutes). Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson. In a 19th century western, a clumsy imperial guard to the emperor of China joins the guards sent to rescue the princess, who has been whisked away to Nevada.

July 21:

Small Time Crooks

(PG) 7 p.m. (95 minutes). Woody Allen, Tracey Ullman. Ray is an ex-con with big dreams. His wife, Frenchy, attempts to keep him grounded in reality. So Ray comes to Frenchy with a half-baked plan to rob a bank, she's dead set against it. Soon their get-rich-quick scheme leaves them rolling in dough, but not the kind they had in mind.

July 22:

Center Stage

(PG-13) 7 p.m. (113 minutes). Amanda Schull, Zoe Saldana. A tight-knit group of young dance students try to make a name for themselves and become stars in the fiercely competitive world of professional dance. While experiencing the normal joys and sorrows, loves and conflicts of youth, they strive to take their place center stage.

Munitions storage area

The munitions storage area will only be able to provide limited support due to a 100-percent semiannual inventory until July 21. All munitions transactions for custody accounts must be completed prior to Monday. Any requirements after this date will require an emergency issue letter. Call 8-8911 for more information.

Refuse collection

Refuse collection for family housing and mobile home parks is on Tuesday. If a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday the pickup will be Wednesday.

Your refuse container must be on your side of the street before 6 a.m. with the handle facing your house. Vehicles must be parked 15 feet from container for operation of refuse trucks. Do not dispose of items such as rocks, dirt, tree trunks, motor oils, gas or chemical products in your refuse container.

Danger area

The small arms firing range, Building 165, is located at the far east end of Yuma Road on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, 6.5 miles from the base proper.

The borders of the range's impact area are marked with danger signs extending directly south and north of the range, all the way to Irvington Road.

This area is extremely dangerous due to the fact that live rounds of various types of ammunition are constantly being fired during the week and on weekends.

Trespassing into this area is not only dangerous, but also illegal. In case of emergency or if entry into this area is required, call 8-8377 or 8-8453. After duty hours, call the security forces law enforcement desk at 8-3200, 8-3517 or 8-2300.

MAC supports JROTC

The Tucson Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee provided a wrap up dinner for the Junior Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and the Arizona Civil Air Patrol cadets encampment that was hosted on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base June 18 through 24.

MPF Web site

Check out all the helpful information regarding outbound assignments, retirements, separations, retraining, manning control and base training from the new military personnel flight Web page, http://www.dm.af.mil/355mss.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Mark Van Huss at 8-3414, for questions.

Antiterrorism briefing

The Air Force Office of Special Investigation Level 1 Antiterrorist Awareness Training for members and their families going on a permanent change of station move or a temporary duty assignment to an overseas location is held Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in Building 3503, third floor. Call 8-5168 for information.

MEO Web site

The 355th Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office now has a Web page designed to provide our customers with up-to-date information on what's going on in the Equal Opportunity world at www.dm.af.mil/355wgmeo.



Youth programs

Today: Youth center preteen lock-in, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Saturday: Kids sign up for soccer, 2 to 6 p.m. at youth center

Teen Basketball Jam, 7 to 9 p.m. at youth center

Monday: SMART Girls meet, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; call 8-8383

Youth center photo class, 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Youth center teens go to Golf 'n' Stuff, 6 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Passport to Manhood meets at youth center, 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday: Keystone Club meets at youth center at 2 p.m.

Youth center Youth Employment Skills meeting; call 8-8383 for time

July 22: Ten Midnight Hoops at 10 p.m.

Lock-in

Preteens are invited to D-M's first Air Combat Command Preteen Lock-in tonight at the youth center.

Preteens can party all night. There will be food, games, music and prizes, and phone lines will be open to other ACC bases for inter-base challenges. Everything starts at 9 p.m., and ends after breakfast, at 7 a.m. Call the youth center at 8-8383.

'Lease' child care

At the child development center, unenrolled children can take the place of children who are temporarily absent. Parents whose children are temporarily enrolled pay for care at the absent parent's rate; child care costs are based on total family income. Find out more from the CDC at 8-3336.

Girl Scouts

All registered Girl Scouts and their families may swim from 6 to 8 p.m. July 22. All girls who would like to register for Girl Scouts at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base may register and swim that evening. Registration forms must be filled out and the \$7 fee must be paid on location. Call Dena Wakefield at 747-3461.